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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q74236

Richard B. MOSS, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/777,683

Group Art Unit: 1641

Confirmation No.: 5880

Examiner: Christine E. Foster

Filed: February 13, 2004

For: METHOD FOR ASSESSMENT OF CYSTIC LUNG FIBROSIS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This responds to the Office Action, dated September 22, 2006.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects Group I, Claims 1-16 (drawn to methods for assessment of cystic lung fibrosis, classified in class 436, subclass 518) for examination. This election is made without traverse.

In response to the Election of Species, Applicant elects, without traverse, Species II, two-antibody sandwich-type assay, for the Assay Format and Species I, diagnosis, for the Assessment. The claims readable on the elected species are Claims 1-6, 8-13, 15 and 16.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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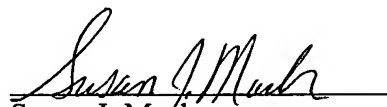
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